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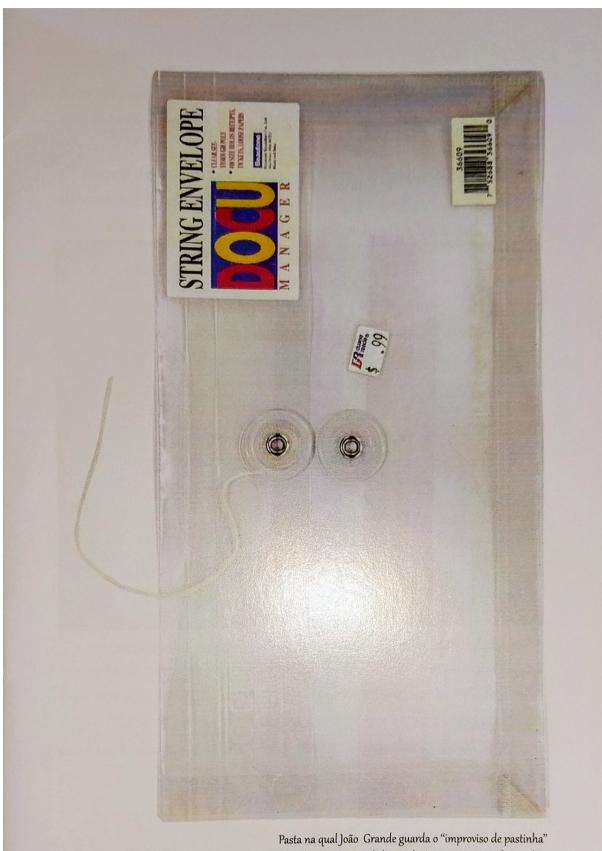
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Pasta na qual João Grande guarda o "improviso de pastinha" Folder where João Grande keeps the "Improvisation of Pastinha"



Mestre Pastinha

Mestre João Grande

Apresentação

Foi o próprio mestre quem deu o nome — "Improviso de Pastinha" — a estes seus manuscritos poéticos, elaborados a pedido do discípulo João Grande.

- Comprei uma caderneta, cheguei para Sr. Pastinha — que como era de costume, à tardinha, estava debruçado na janela da sua academia, localizada no 19 Pelourinho, Bahia — e pedi a ele para nela escrever ladainhas e corridos. Na mesma hora ele tan...tan...

É mais ou menos desse jeito que João narra a história dessa caderneta que guardou carinhosamente anos e anos, e que para ele foi feita pelo mestre, com dedicação.

João não se lembra exatamente quando isto ocorreu. Estima que tenha sido nos anos 50 do século passado, precisamente na 2ª metade. Naqueles anos e até 1966, estimo eu, Pastinha escreveu quatro blocos de manuscritos. Um acervo artístico muito rico para quem deseja conhecer coisas temporais e atemporais da capoeira. Um assunto que Pastinha tirava de letra, dominava-o de tal maneira que sobre ele filosofava e fazia poesia. E assim construiu um denso e belo inventário de reflexões sobre a capoeira, peça indispensável na literatura desta rica manifestação da cultura afro-brasileira.

No verão de 2007, na Ilha de Itaparica, onde João Grande passava alguns dias, por solicitação do Instituto Jair Moura, concordou em publicar estes improvisos do Mestre Pastinha, em português e inglês, inaugurando a publicação da obra do Mestre Pastinha em língua estrangeira.

Frede Abreu

Presentation

It was the Mestre, himself, who gave the name — "Improvisation of Pastinha" - to his poetic manuscripts done because of a request of the disciple João Grande.

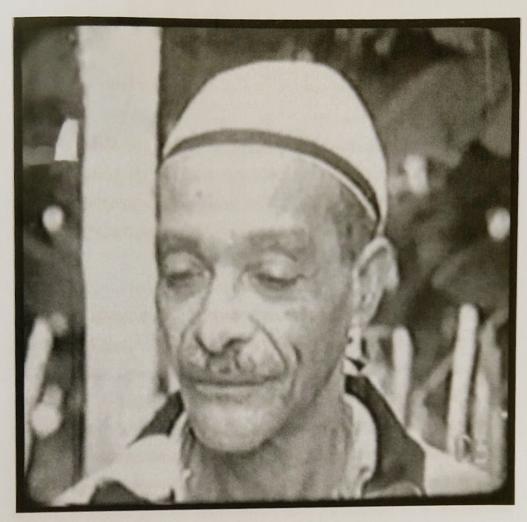
- I bought a notebook, came to Mr. Pastinha - who, in the evening, was at the window of his academy as usual, placed at 19 Pelourinho, Bahia - and asked him to write in it ladainhas and corridos. Right away, he tan... tan...

It's more or less, the way that João tells the story of this notebook that he kept tenderly for several years and that was done for him, by the mestre, with dedication.

Jonh doesn't remember exactly when it occured. He estimates that it was last century, in the fifties, to be precise, in the second half. From those years up to 1966, I estimate, Pastinha wrote four blocks of manuscripts. An artistic heritage, very rich for the ones who want to know the 'timeful' and timeless things of capoeira. An easy subject for Pastinha, who could have the command of it in such a way, that, about it, he could philosophize and make poetry. And in this way, he built a thick and beautiful inventory full of reflections about capoeira, essential piece in the literature about this rich expression of African-Brazilian culture.

In the summer of 2007, on the Island of Itaparica, where João Grande spent some days, because of a request from Jair Moura Institute, he agreed on publishing these improvisations by Mestre Pastinha, in Portuguese and English, opening the publication of Mestre Pastinha's work in a foreign language.

Frede Abreu



Pastinha, 1940

Três línguas na roda: português, inglês e capoeira. Traduzir Mestre Pastinha para inglês foi mais que exercício de gramática e de procura por significados corretos. Foi compreender texto e contexto, constatar e respeitar o grande poeta que ele foi/é. Sua poesia tem mesmo que dar volta ao mundo.

Palavras rotineiras na capoeira, neste texto e sob a responsabilidade desta tradução, se tornaram pequenos mistérios. Desses que um capoeirista, vira e mexe, se depara. Frede Abreu discutivo todos comigo. Dicas indispensáveis, cheias de conhecimento, respeito, dadas por este terceiro mestre envolvido nesse livro. A rima pôde ser mantida em algumas estrofes, o ritmo, em quase todas. As palavras comoduplo sentido receberam notas. Também houveram pequenas alterações gramaticais (os parênteses) e de pontuação, pois a adaptação de uma linguação outra é necessária para o bom entendimento do leitor. A linguagem se manteve simples e reflexiva, como no original. Poesia boa para ficar pensando e imaginando...E admirando Seu Pastinha.

Lilu (Luisa Pimenta)

Three languages in the roda: Portuguese, English and Capoeira. Translating Mestre Pastinha to English was more than exercising grammar and looking for right meanings. It was text and context comprehension and noticing the great poet he was/is. His poetry must go around the world.

Common words in capoeira presented that way and under the translation duty of this, became little mysteries. Like the ones that a capoeirista frequently gets to. Frede Abreu has helped me out with all of these. Essential tips, full of know ledge, tenderness and respect, given by this third mestre involve in this book. The rhyme could be kept in some stanzas and the rhythm, in almost all of them. The double meaning words received notes. There were also some modifications concerning grammar (in the brackets) and punctuation, because adapting one language to another is always necessary for a reader's good understanding. The language was kept simple and thoughtful as in the original. Good poetry to make us think and imagine... And admire Mr. Pastinha.

Lilu (Luisa Pimenta)

Eh la poling Só angola Por todo Braso 10

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o gastinha tem ração

so meio da copocira Ele Tem vocação. 3

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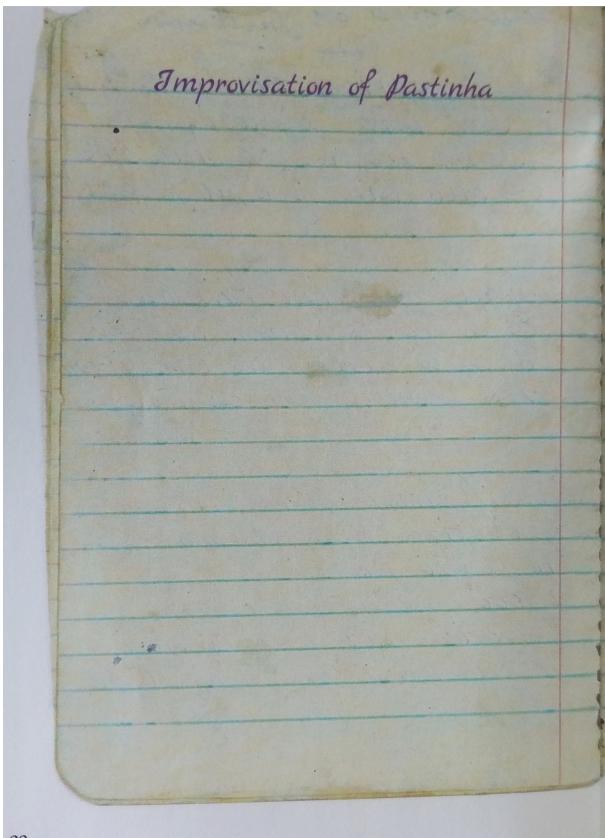
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Es a tambeira do amor
Es acapoeira é Fatrimonio
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ora com o mestre Tosturba jos



Eh capoeira only angola All over Brazil Eh Capoeira only Angola All over Brazil The whole universe wants to see Its source is in Brazil Here I came to play And all 1 I came to greet 2 I ask God set me free from the enemies I don't want to look at Brazil our Brazil Capoeira (you) are our glory I have already been youthful I was born in Salvador Capoeira all over Brazil In the moments of party³ or pain

(People) have already asked me
Which one, from the two (guys),
is the best?

If it's mestre* Olampio*

Or mestre Curio*

In the center all are good

Each one is the best one

The one who has less presence*

This one comes off worse

Eh! Mimoso died
Eh eh eh eh eh ah
One only I had °
Capoeira I learned to play
Eh eh eh eh aruanda
Capoeira only Angola
"Pastinha has academy
You can learn"

I remember myself my past Good hope it brings to me The mestres don't play angry All of them know what they do All of them have faith in God And also in his peace. Capoeira has its whim to And has its explanation The capoeiristas" are not animal(s) And Pastinha has (the) reason In the environment of capoeira He has vocation

Thank you, my friends

I have already obeyed my law

Leaving it in my heart

My desire I already killed¹²

Pay attention to

What I already gave you

A good organization

Boy, Im saying

Learn if you want

Pastinha has academy

Everybody can learn

Man, boy¹³, and woman

Friend, don't get suspicious
What I do playing
You only do it angry
You are vain
You are resentful
In capoeira
You got eliminated

Friend don't be sad Let's see what you didn't see It's a capoeira center It's an academy that wasn't discovered Capoeira has its greatness

It needs to grow and go up

To create, in the name of beauty

And in the name of the progress
of what is to come

Where is there capoeira

If it is not in Brazil

I don't play with you
The whole world
This capoeira (you) see
I have got two boys
Substitutes for Aberrê¹⁴
If (you) don't want to believe
In the group, come to see

Brazil and capoeira

Were born in Salvador

It is Pavilion of justice

It is the flag of love

And capoeira is the Heritage

It can't lose its value

Eh! Morro de São Paulo
Where the blue lantern hides itself
For capoeira, it will be a castle
You are the daughter of the country of the south
I miss you São Paulo
You are the nice smelling of the country of the south

Boy. I already knew That you were going to defy me I'am the old Pastinha Im the son of the capital I am very well known It doesn't deny my natural15 Capoeira I play with you Even in the Federal Capital Brazil our Brazil The capoeirista is strong and healthy Your son doesn't fear the fight Oh (!) Loved earth Among the other thousand ones'6 Capoeira only Angola All over Brazil

I was at my home Without thinking and without imagining When I heard knocking on the door Salomon asked to call you To help winning The war of Paraguait When the fort was made Capoeira is worth nothing Break corn as (if you were) people Monkey Monkey break dendê18 9

By the time I had money Comrade called me relative My money finished Comrade calls me brave¹⁹

God save it the light of the day
God save the one who raised you
God save (you) all who hear me
With all my joy
Capoeira attracting the world
Don't tell me if it's lie²⁰
We are all joyful
In the sound of our band

I will read my ABCs Because (I) don't want to sing (it) It was in Geingibirra²¹ That (they) gave me this place Many mestres went there To play with Mestre Pastinha I will speak I will frankly speak In the environment of capoeira Pastinha built a fort To enrich his poverty 11

Notes:

'all: all of you

'all: all of you The verb used in Portuguese was "salvar" and, in this case, it may be comprehended as to save or to greet.

3 party in this context means celebration, a joyful moment.

4 mestre: master

⁵ Olâmpio: old capoeirista , a pupil of mestre Pastinha.

⁶Curió: from the old times, capoeirista from Bahia in the old times, who already died and enjoyed fame in the 40's and 50's of last century.

7 center in this context may have two meanings: it can be the center of a roda, the stage of the capoeira players or the Centro (Center) Esportivo de Capoeira Angola (CECA), the name of mestre Pastinha's academy.

⁸ presence: stage presence in the roda

91 had only one

10 The word used in Portuguese is "capricho" and it may have two meanings: "whim" or "care".

"capoeiristas: capoeira players

12 My desire I already killed: My desire I already satisfied.

13 boy: child

14 Antonio Raimundo Aberrê: one of the founders of capoeira Angola tradition.

15 natural: natural way of being

"Your son doesn't fear the fight

Oh (!) Loved earth

Among the other thousand ones"

This is part of a stanza of the national anthem

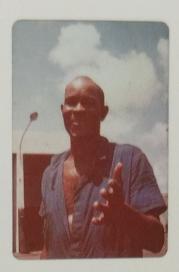
¹⁷ The war of Paraguai (1864–1870) had Brasil, Argentina and Uruguai against Paraguai. For this war, capoeiristas were recruited.

¹⁸Dendê: dendê oil coconut

19 Brave often has a positive use. It is normally related to courage. However in the text, the word brave (valente, in Portuguese) is expressed negatively. Its meaning is more for rebel, delinguent.

20 Lie: ilusion

²¹ Gengibirra: symbolic place of capoeira Angola which, in the 40's, was frequented by important mestres who founded, under the leadership of mestre Pastinha the Centro Esportivo de Capoeira Angola (CECA).



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